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In re Application of)
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FOR: PRODRUGS AND CONJUGATES OF) Confirmation No. 2964
THIOL- AND SELENOL-CONTAINING)
COMPOUNDS AND METHODS OF)
USE THEREOF)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the issuance of an Office Action pertaining to the above-referenced patent application, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment in the application, and consider the following remarks. Additionally, enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449, and 15 references. Included are Form PTO-1449 documents that were filed in the parent case (U.S. Patent No. 6,340,746 B1). Copies of these references are in the parent case. Also enclosed are clean and marked-up versions of the substitute specification. Finally, enclosed is an executed Revocation and Substitute Power of Attorney.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121(b)(3) and 1.125(b), please replace the specification in its entirety with the substitute specification attached hereto. The substitute specification contains no new matter.